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SUBJECT: IMCO: INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE ORGANIZATION
(INMARSAT)

1. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL H. SONDAAL, CHAIRMAN OF EUROPEAN GROUP FOR INMARSAT, HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT RUMOR HE HAS HEARD THROUGH NORWEGIANS THAT US PLANS TO OFFER TWO COMPLETELY NEW DRAFTS FOR INMARSAT CONVENTION AT OCTOBER MEETING. ACCORDING TO SONDAAL, UNDERSTANDING WITHIN EUROPEAN GROUP IS THAT BECAUSE OF FACT TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN US HANDLED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES, US POSITION WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE A "TWO-TIER" HANDLING BY US, ONE REGARDING OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL MATTERS BY US COMPANIES AND OTHER REGARDING MATTERS OF GOVERNMENT INTEREST BY USG. HOWEVER, EUROPEAN GROUP DID NOT EXPECT NEW US DRAFTS. SONDAAL FEELS COMPLETELY NEW DRAFTS

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WOULD MOV EUROPEANS BACK TO SQUARE ONE AFTER MUCH WORK

IN GETTING EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON SIMPLE DIVISION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: SONDAAL HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO
ASCERTAIN US PLANS ON INMARSAT BEFORE OSLO MEETING ON
LEGAL QUESTIONS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY
OF CURRENT US POSITION IN INMARSAT CONVENTION BEFORE
COB SEPTEMBER 19.
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